

## Items of Interest.

—At Richmond, Va., July 2, the corner stone of a monument to Jefferson Davis was laid.

—New York City will be presented with a bronze statue of the "Liberator," Bolivar by Venezuela.

—Henry M. Stanley, the African explorer and member of Parliament is seriously ill in London.

The thirty-fifth annual convention of the National Educational Association began at Buffalo, July 3, with an attendance of 15,000 to 20,000.

—The Missouri Botanical Garden at St. Louis has been peculiarly unfortunate of late. The great cyclone destroyed 400 trees, and shortly before it a hailstorm broke 6,000 window glasses in it.

—Last year Dr. F. E. Clark traveled thirty-seven thousand miles in the interest of Christian Endeavor. On the twenty-third of this month he sets sail for Europe, to labor for a year in foreign lands.

—The Cuban Insurgents are meeting with very encouraging success in their resistance of the Spanish forces. A very important filibustering expedition succeeded in landing on the coast of the Province of Pinar del Rio, Cuba.

—It is said that fifteen tons of Canadian frogs' legs pass the Ogdenburg custom-house for New York every season, principally from the Rideau River. These are valued at Ogdenburg at thirty cents per pound and sold in New York City at eighty cents.

—The Sultan has removed the Musselman governor of Crete and appointed a Christian in his place. It is thought this will satisfy the Cretans, but it may be they have become resolute to be annexed to Greece and think this is a good time to get free from the Turks.

—The Christian insurgents of Crete defeated the Turks in a battle last week, killing and wounding 200 of the troops. The Christian governor who was lately appointed issued a proclamation offering amnesty to all insurgents who will lay down their arms and return to peaceful pursuits.

—South Africa is suffering from a plague of locusts. The natives are employed to collect the eggs out from the holes in the ground in which they are placed, and are paid sixpence a pound, a pound consisting of nearly 50,000 eggs. But though these are brought in by the ton the plague is not abated.

—The Anti-cigarette League has distributed its badges widely among the boys of New York City. Nearly every grammar school in the city has a strong organization, so strong that it has resulted in closing up a great many of the little joints where cigarettes were sold. This is a grand work and should be encouraged by all those who are interested in their children.

—July 2 it was reported that the revenues so far collected under the Raines Liquor law in New York amounted to \$4,761,074 in New York City, \$2,075,719 in Brooklyn, and \$750,282 in Buffalo. It is expected that after the sixty confidential agents are placed at work on violations of the law the receipts will aggregate \$10,000,000 in excess of what was estimated when the governor signed the bill.

—It is said that a shut-down of the Pepperell No. 3 mill and the broad looms in the Pepperell and Laconia mills, about 1,600 in all, was ordered on July 7. This will throw about 1,900 employees out of work for an indefinite period. But this cutting off of products is partially offset by an order for all narrow looms in both mills to be run on full time, beginning at once. This will give employment to about half the present corps of workers, who have been working short time lately.

—It is said that the wives of Major McKinley and Garret A. Hobart are both lovable and winning women. Mrs. McKinley, whose health has long been delicate, is stronger than she has been for many years. She is the daughter of the late James Saxton, a publisher of considerable reputation, and was born and brought up in Canton, Ohio. She has retained her youthful appearance remarkably well. Mrs. Hobart is forty-five years old, but appears more like a woman of thirty. Her face is very expressive. She is witty, and eminently a woman of culture. The Hobarts are Presbyterians, and the McKinleys are Methodists.

—The silver question in the United States is now one of very great interest. The Baltimore Sun tells a correspondent that the production of silver in 1893 in the various countries of the world—omitting countries that produced less than would coin \$1,000,000—was as follows: United States \$77,575,700; Australia, \$26,507,000; Mexico, \$57,357,600; Germany, \$8,240,000; Austro-Hungary, \$2,289,200; Italy, \$1,200,000; Spain, \$1,923,400; France, \$3,852,600; Columbia, \$2,182,400; Bolivia, \$15,488,000; Chili, \$2,281,600; Peru, \$2,462,700. The countries now on a silver basis are China, Japan, Mexico, and several South American republics. The quantity of silver exported from the United States in 1893 was \$40,737,319; in 1885, \$47,227,319.

## Our Dead.

GABLE.—Daniel Gable was born Sep. 26, 1833, died July 1, 1896, aged 62 years, 9 month, and 6 days. Brother Gable is one of the pioneer members of the Brethren church, uniting with it immediately after its organization. His brethren in the church and friends held him in highest esteem as a Christian man. The writer visited him during his sickness and found him at all times fully resigned to his Saviour, saying, "I would not give my hope of heaven as my home for all the world offers me." He leaves a widow and four sons to mourn their loss. Funeral services from John 12:24.

S. B. GRISSE.

GIPE.—Mrs. Elizabeth Gipe was born in Lancaster Co., Pa., May 16, 1813. She departed this life June 22, 1896, aged 83 years, 1 month, and 6 days. She was the mother of eleven children, of whom eight survive, with thirty-five grand-children and thirty-five great-grand-children to mourn the loss of a kind and loving mother. She has been a member of the German Baptist church for over forty years, during which time she was a faithful Christian. Funeral services were held at her home 5 miles north of Mansfield, conducted by the writer from II Kings 20:1. Interment at the Mansfield cemetery. "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?"

Ashland, O.

W. F. ENGLAND.

SWORLAND.—Leander J., born Aug. 26, 1891, died July 11, 1896, aged 4 years, 10 month, and 16 days. This interposition of providence fell like a thunder bolt upon the parents. The children were playing and eating parched corn, when Leander chanced to draw a grain into his windpipe and choked to death in a few moments before medical aid could be procured. Services in the Christian church in Eaton, Ind., to a large congregation.

WM. W. SUMMERS.

## Matrimonial.

BORN—SHIVELY.—At the home of the writer, Middlebranch, O., July 2, '96, Mr. William Born and Miss Winnie C. Shively both of Louisville, O. These young people were both taken into the church by the writer while pastor at Louisville, and we wish them much happiness while sailing over the sea of life.

J. L. KIMMEL.

BENNET — BARNHART.—By the undersigned at the residence of John Bennet of Jones' Mills, Westmorland Co., Pa., Mr. Edward M. Bennet and Minnie B. Barnhart both of Westmoreland Co., Pa., were joined in marriage on the 23rd of June, 1896.

J. B. WAMPLER.